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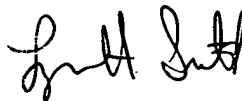
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the information identified in the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the prior art references are enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider the enclosed prior art reference materials in the examination of this application.

No fees are deemed necessary for the filing of this information disclosure statement. I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

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